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LETTER DATED 24 AUGUST 1998 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In my capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of August 1998 and on behalf of the States members of the League of Arab States, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of resolution 5781 adopted on 24 August 1998 by the Council of the League of Arab States, meeting in special session at the level of permanent delegations, concerning the destruction of a pharmaceutical factory on the outskirts of Khartoum in the Republic of the Sudan.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali Sulaiman AL-SAEID
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of Kuwait to the United Nations
Chairman of the Arab Group

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Annex

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES BOMBING OF A PHARMACEUTICAL FACTORY IN KHARTOUM

The Council of the League,

Having considered:

- The note by the Secretariat,
- Note No. BDJ/1/3 dated 21 August 1998 from the permanent delegation of the Sudan to the League of Arab States,
- The statement on this subject issued on 22 August 1998 by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Sudan,
- The explanatory note on this subject submitted by the permanent delegation of the Republic of the Sudan,
- The statement by the Secretariat dated 21 August 1998,
- The oral statement made by the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan concerning the United States bombing of the Shifa pharmaceutical and veterinary products factory in the Bahri district of Khartoum on 20 August 1998,

Recalling the resolutions of the Arab Summit Conference and of the Council of the League, the most recent being resolution 5746 (109) dated 25 March 1998 on solidarity with the Sudan and on support for that country in the face of threats to its stability and to the unity and integrity of its territory,

1. Condemns the United States bombing of a pharmaceutical factory in Khartoum and deems it an act of aggression against the Sudan, a serious violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity and a flagrant breach of all the norms and rules of international law, above all the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Supports the Sudan in facing threats to its sovereignty and territorial integrity and backs the efforts which it is making in the competent international and regional organizations and forums;

3. Requests the United States of America, as a permanent member of the Security Council and as a major Power with global responsibility for maintaining international peace and security, to respect international legality and to refrain from any act that constitutes a violation of State sovereignty, arouses public outrage and gives rise to acts of violence and reprisals, thereby endangering international peace and security;

4. Calls upon the international community to oppose the use of force for settling disputes among States and to advocate restraint and recourse to

constructive dialogue in political and security matters, on the basis of respect for the principles of international legality, State sovereignty and non-intervention in the internal affairs of other States;

5. Condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, regardless of whether it has its source in a State, a group or individuals, opposes it by all means consistent with international conventions and with the Arab convention, signed by the Arab Ministers of Justice and the Interior on 22 April 1998, on measures to combat terrorism and on the distinction between terrorism and the legitimate right of peoples to struggle against occupation, and requests the Security Council to adopt appropriate resolutions in keeping with the Charter of the United Nations and with the rules on measures to combat terrorism;

6. Requests the Security Council to discharge its responsibility for maintaining international peace and security and for ensuring respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States and to accede to the Sudan's request to send a fact-finding mission to establish the nature of the products manufactured by the Shifa pharmaceutical factory in Khartoum and to satisfy itself that the factory is not producing chemical weapons;

7. Instructs the Secretary-General to monitor this issue.

(Resolution No. 1581, special session, 24 August 1998)